

SENATE BILL 24

By Henry

AN ACT to designate the Cumberland River Watershed on certain segments of highways.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable markers or affix suitable signs designating entrance into the Cumberland River Watershed as follows:

(1) Westbound Interstate Highway 40 two thousand (2000) feet west of Exit 311 in Cumberland County;

(2) Westbound U.S. Highway 70 two (2) miles east of Pleasant Hill in Cumberland County;

(3) Westbound Interstate Highway 24 two (2) miles west of Exit 89 in Rutherford County;

(4) Northbound Interstate Highway 65 one (1) mile north of Exit 53 in Williamson County;

(5) Eastbound Interstate Highway 40 two (2) miles west of Exit 172 in Dickson County; and

(6) Eastbound U.S. Highway 70 two thousand (2000) feet east of its intersection with State Route 48 in Dickson County.

(b) Such signs shall be designed by the department in consultation with the director of the Cumberland River Compact and shall include language substantially similar to "You Are Now Entering the Cumberland River Watershed".

SECTION 2. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Any sign location, which is prescribed by such manual, shall be located in a conforming position as near as possible to the original location provided for in Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.